

## REMARKS

### Section 112 Rejections

Claims 19 and 20 were rejected for lacking antecedent basis for "R<sup>13</sup>". These claims have been amended to provide the required antecedent basis. Claims 21-23 were rejected for the same reason because they were erroneously viewed as depending on claims 19 and 20. However, claim 21 depends on claim 1. Therefore, Applicants believe the Section 112 rejection of claim 21 and claims 22-23 (which depend on claim 21) was incorrect, and request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 15 was rejected as indefinite. Claim 15 has been amended to include the basis for "R<sup>14</sup>".

Claim 24 has been cancelled.


### Section 102 and 103 Rejections

Independent claims 1, 26, and 34, and most of the claims depending upon them, were rejected under either Section 102 or Section 103 as anticipated by or obvious in view of Furstner et al. Claims 1, 26, and 34 have been amended to distinguish the present invention from Furstner. The claims have been limited to intermolecular cross-metathesis reactions. Furstner teaches only ring-closing metathesis reactions. As discussed in Applicants' specification at page 2, line 14, to page 3, line 11, cross-metathesis presents problems that have not been addressed in the prior art. The prior art (including Furstner) does not teach or suggest the invention as now claimed.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe the invention as now claimed distinguishes over the cited art, and that the amended claims are in condition for allowance. If any further questions should arise prior to a Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the attorney at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted

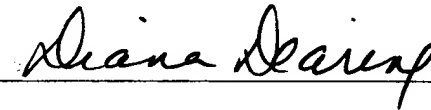
  
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